



EXPEDITED PARTNER THERAPY IN ARIZONA

YOU CAN TREAT THE PARTNERS

Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

As of September 26, 2008, § ARS 32-1401 (27)(ss)(v) allows for expedited treatment of contacts to communicable diseases including chlamydia and gonorrhea in Arizona.

Prescribing medical providers are now encouraged to provide medication or a prescription to the patient to give to their partner(s) for the treatment of chlamydia and/or gonorrhea.

- ✓ Partners of persons with chlamydia should receive or be prescribed **1 gm of azithromycin** (Zithromax®) (e.g., four 250mg tablets) to be taken as one dose.
- ✓ Partners of persons with gonorrhea should receive or be prescribed **400 mg of cefixime** (Suprax®) to be taken as one dose.
- Prescriptions and/or medications for partners should be accompanied by an information sheet. Printable partner (English and Spanish), pharmacist, and medical provider information sheets, as well as a list of frequently asked questions are available at: <http://www.azdhs.gov/phs/oids/std/index.htm>.
- For additional questions please contact Melanie Taylor MD,MPH at the Arizona Department of Health Services, STD Program 602-364-4565 (taylorm@azdhs.gov).

Arizona continues to battle high rates of chlamydia and gonorrhea. We encourage you to implement this important treatment option that will contribute to decreases in re-infection and increases in partner treatment.